

OXFORD OBSERVER.

"LOVE ALL, DO WRONG TO NONE, BE CHECK'D FOR SILENCE BUT NEVER TAX'D FOR SPEECH.".....SHAKESPEARE.

VOLUME I.

PARIS, (ME.) THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, 1825.

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LAW OF MAINE.

AN ACT to repeal an "Act to establish Courts of Sessions," and for establishing Courts of Sessions.

Sect. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That there shall be a Court of Sessions, in each of the counties within this State, to consist of one Chief Justice, and two associate Justices, a majority of whom, appointed for any county, may constitute a quorum for doing business; to be appointed and commissioned by the Governor, with advice and consent of Council, as soon as conveniently may be, who are hereby vested with all powers relative to the erection and repairs of Gaols and other county buildings, the allowance and settlement of county accounts, the estimates, apportionments, and issuing of warrants, for assessing county taxes, granting licenses, laying out, altering and discontinuing highways, as well as all other duties appertaining to a Court of Sessions.

Sect. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Courts of Sessions, shall be holden within and for the several counties in this State, at the times and places following, to wit: within and for the County of York, at York, on the Tuesday preceding the last Monday of May; and at Alfred, on the second Tuesday of October; within and for the County of Oxford, at Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, and the second Tuesday of October; within and for the County of Cumberland, at Portland, on the third Tuesday of April and the fourth Tuesday of September; within and for the County of Kennebec, at Augusta, on the last Tuesday in April, the first Tuesday in August and the last Tuesday in December; within and for the County of Somerset, at Norridgewock, on the third Tuesday of March and on the first Tuesday of October; within and for the County of Lincoln, at Warren, on the second Tuesday of January, at Wiscasset, on the second Tuesday of May, and at Topsham, on the second Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Hancock, at Castine, on the last Tuesday of April, and on the Thursday previous to the third Tuesday of November; within and for the County of Washington, at Machias, on the first Wednesday next after the first Tuesday of March, and the first Wednesday next after the third Tuesday of September; within and for the County of Penobscot, at Bangor, on the first Tuesdays of April and September, and on the second Thursday of December, annually.

Sect. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That all matters, taken for, returnable to, or that are now pending in the several Courts of Sessions, shall be returnable to, have day, be proceeded in, and determined, by the respective Courts of Sessions, within and for the same counties, at the term thereof, next to be holden, as provided by this act; and the Clerks of the Court of Common Pleas, within the several counties, shall be the Clerks of the Courts of Sessions.

Sect. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever the Court of Common Pleas and Court of Sessions, shall be in session in the same town, and at the same time, the Clerk of the Court is hereby authorized to appoint some suitable person to act as Clerk pro tem. to said Court of Sessions, who shall make up at the close of each day, a Record of the doings of the Court, which they shall examine and certify, and the records so made, shall be copied into, and become the records of the Court, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, shall be accountable for the doings of the Clerk pro tem.

Sect. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That each of the Justices of Sessions, shall receive for their services, three dollars for each day, during their attendance in Court, and one dollar for every ten miles travel, to be paid out of the County Treasury; and said Justices, are hereby authorized to employ a constable and door-keeper, to wait upon said Court, when in Session; the expense of which to be paid by the County Treasury, and not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents per day, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sect. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever it shall happen, that there is not a majority of said Justices assembled, at the time for holding the said Court, any one of said Justices, shall have power to adjourn said Court, until a quorum shall be assembled.

Sect. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That there shall be in each of the Counties in this State, a standing committee of three freeholders, resident therein, to be appointed by the Governor, with advice and consent of Council, as soon as may be, and to be removable at their pleasure, who being first duly sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, shall act in the same capacity, and be vested with all the powers that are given to committees, appointed by the Court of Sessions, agreeably to the first Section of "An Act directing the method of laying out, and making provision for the repair and amendment of highways," passed the second day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one: *Provided,* That if at any time, a vacancy or vacancies shall happen in said Committee, during the recess of the Council, or in case of the sickness, non-acceptance of the appointment, or absence from the County, of any one or more of the members thereof, the same may be filled, and a person or persons be appointed thereto, for the performance of a particular duty by the Court of Sessions. *Provided, also,* That in case one or more, or all of the standing committee shall be personally interested in the laying out, altering, or discontinuing of any highway as aforesaid, the Court of Sessions shall have power to appoint one or more persons, or an entire new Committee to act upon the same in the place of the member or members thereof, or whole Committee so interested; all persons so appointed by the Court of Sessions, being first sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

Sect. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That to each member of any standing Committee, and to each person appointed to act in the stead thereof, agreeably to the seventh section of this act, there shall be allowed and paid, for each day of actual employment in discharge of the proper duties of their office, the sum of three dollars; and for their services in laying out, or altering highways, as determined by the Court of Sessions, the committee shall be paid by the County, in which the highway to be laid out, or altered, is, and when employed in viewing the ground and ascertaining the practicability, expediency and expense of making any proposed highway, the committee shall be paid as aforesaid by the party or parties requesting the same, and in such proportions as the Court may determine.

Sect. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever the Committee appointed by virtue of the seventh section of this act, shall have examined and estimated the expense of making any contemplated road; and said Court of Sessions shall have ordered said road to be laid out and made: The town through which said

road may pass, is hereby authorized to appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, in the County in which said town may be: *Provided,* The estimated expense of making said road through, or in said town, shall amount to, or exceed five hundred dollars; and said Court of Common Pleas, are hereby authorized to affirm, or reverse the judgment of said Court of Sessions laying out and making said contemplated road.

Sect. 10. *Be it further enacted,* That so much of "an Act to establish Courts of Sessions," passed the twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, together with all other acts and parts of acts, and resolves, so far as the same are repugnant to, or inconsistent with this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of April next: *Provided,* That nothing in the same shall prevent the Governor and Council from making the appointments herein provided at any time after the passage hereof. [This act passed February 25, 1825.]

STATE OF MAINE.

Secretary of State's Office,
Portland, 12th March, 1825.

The following opinion of a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, having been communicated to me for publication, agreeably to an order of the Hon. the Senate, of the 26th of February last, those printers who publish the laws of the State, will insert the same, in their respective papers.

AMOS NICHOLS, Secretary of State.

The Hon. the Senate of the State of Maine, having by their Order of the 26th of February last, requested that the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court should be given on the following question, viz:

"Are the first section of the act, chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, and the eighth section of the act, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, or either of them, so far as they provide that certain expenses, therein mentioned, shall be at the charge of the State, changed, annulled, or repealed by the eighteenth section of the act, chapter one hundred and twenty-second?" And that such opinion might be communicated to the Secretary of State for publication. The undersigned, Chief Justice of said Court, in the absence of Mr. Justice Preble, who is now on a voyage to the West Indies, has, by letter, consulted Mr. Justice Weston on the question proposed; by whom he is authorized to state the following, as the opinion of a majority of the Court.

The act chap. 127, was passed March 15, 1821. The first section authorizes Selectmen to make provision for sick persons arriving from infected places, and removing them to safe places. And that the necessary expenses, thus incurred, shall be paid by the parties themselves, their parent or master, (if able) or otherwise by the town or place where they belong; and in case such person or persons are not inhabitants of any town or place within this State, then at the charge of the State."

The act chap. 124, was passed March 15, 1821. The 8th section provides that idle and indigent foreigners, or other persons, not legal inhabitants of any town within this State, may be confined to the work house by the Overseers of the Poor, who shall once in every year exhibit a fair account of the charge of supporting such persons "to the Legislature for allowance and payment."

The act chap. 122, was passed March 21, 1821. And the 18th section makes it the duty of Overseers of the Poor "to relieve and support, and in case of their decease, decently to bury, all poor persons residing or found within their towns, having no lawful settlement in this State, when they stand in need." And provides that they may employ them as other paupers may be, "the expense whereof may be recovered of their relations if they have any, chargeable by law for their support, in manner herein before pointed out; otherwise it shall be paid out of the respective town treasuries." And the section further provides that "all moneys accruing for licenses granted to Retailers, Innholders and Victuallers, shall be paid into the respective town treasuries where such licenses are granted for the benefit of the Poor of the said town."

These are the several provisions referred to in the question proposed: It is of importance to attend to the dates of the three Acts before stated. The two former, so far as they have any relation to the point to be decided, it is believed, were enacted by the Legislature in the very language in which they were digested and reported by the Board of Jurisprudence; no change of principles or provisions being deemed necessary. But the case is very different in regard to the last Act. Several essential alterations were made by the Legislature, introducing and establishing some principles entirely new, as to the settlement and support of the Poor. The change alluded to, in respect to the support of the poor, is that by which the expense of such support is thrown upon the towns in the State in which it is incurred; and by which the right of reimbursement from the State Treasury is taken away from such towns where the paupers supported, have no legal settlement in any town in the State. The Legislature have deemed this a wise course of policy and calculated to diminish the number of paupers in the State. The principle being thus known and established by the act of March 21, 1821, it is proper that such a construction should be given to it as will produce the intended effects: This act having been passed after the other two, which had been enacted in this State without alteration, must be considered as virtually repealing any provisions and controlling any principles, contained in either of them, at variance with its own provisions and principles.

It is manifest that the Legislature intended that after the passage of the last mentioned Act there should not be in Maine any State Paupers. The Act speaks this language so intelligibly, that the Court perceive no reason why it should not be so understood and construed; some express provisions in the other two prior Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding. In aid of this construction, it is proper to notice the other new principle introduced in the last act, appropriating the moneys received for licenses: which seems intended as a species of indemnity furnished to the towns in the State against the liabilities thus permanently imposed upon them in the support of paupers who have no legal settlement in the State.

The opinion now given is, That the Statute of March 21, 1821, containing, in the eighteenth section, provisions, repugnant to those in the recited sections of the Acts of March 10, 1821, and March 15, 1821, has changed, annulled and repealed the provisions contained in those sections, "so far as they provide that

certain expenses therein mentioned shall be at the charge of the State."

It is for the Legislature, in their wisdom, to decide whether the general health and safety, would not be more effectually preserved from the sudden dangers arising from contagious and infectious diseases, by rendering the necessary expense incurred by towns, in preventing or checking their progress, a charge against the State.

PRENTISS MELLE.

To the Secretary of State.

MISCELLANY.

[From the American Monthly Magazine.]

LUCY CARR—A TALE.

It was one of those rambles abroad that I met with an adventure which made a singular impression on my mind—because it seems to illustrate human life from its beginning to its end in a very span—bringing the lights and Shades of our existence into a compass that could be embraced by a single glance. It lingers in my memory still, a living scene, though most of the actors have gone beyond mortal vision. It was a fine summer afternoon, but towards sun-set, a dark cloud arose; the heavens became enveloped in gloom, and a full charged thunder storm forced me to take refuge in a lonely hermitage that stood some distance from the road, embowered amid the flowering shrubbery. I was here introduced into a room full of company; it appeared to me made up of singular materials. One elegant, lovely, and beautiful girl set in the centre of a ring formed by about a dozen gay young gentlemen. It was easy to read that they were suitors, for the fact was imprinted on their countenances. There, then, sat Lucy Carr, the queen of this devoted circle, dealing out her smiles on all around, with that equal and steady manner which showed her to be well versed in the science of government. Never reigned monarch with sway more absolute; perhaps no sovereign was ever more deserving of power.

For the moment there seemed something inexplicable in this; I had seen, as I thought much of the world, and mingled much in society—I had seen beauty attracting the gaze of many, the flattery of some, and the devoted attachment of the few; but never before beheld so many satellites attracted to a single sun. True, she was bright and most bewitching in the ruddiness of youthful charms, and her mind, apart from a little tincture of vanity, was worthy its lovely dwelling; but even then the thought stole curiously into my head, perhaps she has other charms than those which play around her person and mind. It had no business there at such a time, but it spoke out the reality. A peevish and half-suppressed voice in an adjoining room, informed us that sickness was an inmate of the residence, and, before I left the house, an inquisitive, and no less communicative old dame gratuitously told me that Miss Lucy would doubtless soon be the possessor of the ample and rich estate of the Wellford family, the last heir of which lady consuming with a hectic fever; and the whole failure of the natural heirs. I could not suppress a sigh as I pressed her hand at parting, to think that, with all her loveliness, gay and enchanting as she was, she probably had not, in all that throng of flatterers, one single disinterested lover; one who would live for herself alone, and cherish so much beauty and worth as the best gift of Heaven.

Yet thus far all was light compared to the shadows which fell over her destiny at last. I went my way, and six years passed before I visited that neighborhood again. My first inquiry was after Lucy Carr. "She is dead—she died eighteen months ago," said the landlord of the Leopard Inn, as he carelessly smoked his pipe. "And what has become of the widow Wellford?" I asked, "who lay at the point of death six years ago?" The question brought from the adjoining breakfast-room, the well-remembered face of the worthy dame I had seen at the Hermitage at the time of which I spoke, who, having heard the conversation, in her anxiety to gratify my curiosity, herself seized me by the arm, and led me to a seat at the table. The widow, I now learned, had recovered—was married, blessed with a progeny which, long before her decease, cut off all the prospects of the young lady.

"Poor Lucy," said she, her sun set early—but a long dim twilight preceded it.—Flattered and worshipped by the gallant throughout the country, while her splendid inheritance was looked on as secure—no sooner did the scene change, and the blight of her fortune come on, than her admirers dropped away. Neglected and unnoticed, she retired to the residence of a favorite, and pined away a sick plant, until she fell to ruin. She died in the season of flowers; but there was not one among all who had paid her homage in her days of prosperity, found to plant a lily on her grave." I forgot the meal that was before me, and left the table when my informant had finished, to spend a melancholy hour beside her forsaken house of clay, plucking the rank and poisonous weeds, that grew tall and luxuriant around her tomb-stone.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Margaret Walker, the industrious relict of a poor shoemaker, in a highland parish, was left to bring up a small family—that is, a number of young children, on very slender means. In harvest, besides the usual labors in the field, she employed part of her time very profitably in gathering nuts. Her success in this last mentioned occupation was so great, that on her death-bed, along with many other excellent instructions, she enjoined peculiar attention to it on her children. Apprehensive, however, lest all her advice and examples might be forgotten, she requested that a few nuts might be placed under the turf along with her; hoping that a hazel bush over her grave would act as a remembrancer of her industrious habits and her dying commands. In a fine October night, the second after the remains of poor Maggie were consigned to the dust, two fellows indulging a propensity to which the highlanders were said to be naturally addicted, formed a plan for lifting one of the minister's weiders. One of the men entered the sheep park; the other took his station on the church-yard wall, to observe and give notice of interruption; but, tired of sitting idle, he behought him of Maggie's nuts, dug up the bag in which they were tied, and regaining his post, commenced eating them.

The scene now shifts to the Manse parlour. The minister was laboring under his annual attack of rheumatism, the door burst open with unthought violence, and in rushed the gaunt figure of Donald Dhu the beadle; his grizzle grey hair bristling like the "quills upon the fretful porcupine," and his grim visage wrinkled into all the expressions of genuine terror.—"Oh, sir, oh, sir," vociferates this personage, "she's up, she's up—Maggie Shoemaker's up, and crackin'

her pockey o' nuts down by the kirk-yard dyke!"—"Is that all?" interrupted his master, re-adjusting himself in the comfortable posture from which he had been started—"Silly old man! I had hoped, considering the manifold advantages you enjoy under my ministry, and the many promises you have made to discredit such foolish superstitions, that you would invent no more ghost stories to alarm the neighbors and disturb the family." "On ay," responded Donald, "on ay, indeed, sir, I said I wadna mistak an outlyin' quey for a gauger's ghaist agin, after the fricht I gat in spring; but dear me, sir, this canna be a quey, ye ken, sittin' on a dyke and crackin' nuts; and as sure as I hae the richt use o' my een and my legs, I baith saw and hear—"

The clergyman regretted exceedingly, he said, that his unfortunate rheumatism prevented him from going down to the church-yard and convincing him of the deception. "Hout," said Donald, "wrap yourself weel up, it's a bray moon-light night, tak your bible in your han', and I'll hurl ye down canny in the wheel-barrow—its late, and an' naeboddy'll ken."

Of course this proposal was indignantly rejected; till at length the beadle, who was determined to maintain his point, insinuated his master's secret conviction that his statement was true. This was too much to be borne; so it was resolved that Donald, being a stout Highlander, should carry the minister on his shoulders, sufficiently near to be satisfied of the phantom's reality. "Nemo omnibus horis sapit." [No man is wise at all times.] Forth they sallied, each resolutely bent on triumphing over the other.—"What's you?" said Donald, after they had proceeded a little way in silence, "heard ye nocht, sir—eh?" "It's but the Corry," [Corryrecken, a whirlpool so called] replied the minister; "his half tide in the sound." The beadle grumbled an unwilling assent; nor had the last growl died away, ere he again disturbed the night breezes, but in a low whisper—"There she's now, deuk at her white windin' sheet rinnin round the graves!" "It's only the grey mare," exclaimed the minister, "that you have forgot to stable."

Every whisper of the wind, in short the beadle construed into an 'uncertain groan' every straggling moon-beam into a wandering spirit, till he at last succeeded in extorting the confession of his master, that he certainly fancied he heard something not particularly unlike cracking nuts: A cloud in the mean time obscured the moon, and rendered it necessary to approach much nearer the spectre than Donald Dhu cared for—till at length, when he had come to a dead set, and was beginning to articulate the minister's refutation, as he pointed toward the object of his fears, "Yonder she's now!"—the sheep lifter, who had seen something approaching, naturally took it for his friend wedder, and advancing towards them, in a constrained unnatural voice, half whispered, half spoke the appalling question—"Is he fat?"—"No that ill ava," screamed Donald in consternation, "but sic as he is, hae—tak him!" He heaved his burden most unceremoniously in the ditch, and as fast as his legs could carry him, fled towards the manse. The terrified minister recovered his feet, sped with inconceivable celerity in the same direction, overtook, and in attempting to pass, overturned his no less terrified precursor, who, concluding himself in the skeleton fangs of the ruthless Maggie, yelled out a prayer for mercy, and shrieked in all the agony of terror, that "he was na the minister but only the minister's man." The worthy clergyman has had no return of his rheumatism since.

A FABLE.—During the violence of a storm a traveller implored relief from Jupiter, and entreated him to assuage the tempest. But Jupiter lent a deaf ear to his entreaty. Struggling with the unabating fury of the whirlwind—tired, and far from shelter, he grew peevish and discontented. "It is thus," said he, "that the gods to whom our sacrifices are offered daily, heedless of our welfare, and amused with our sufferings, make an ostentatious parade of their omnipotence." At length, approaching the verge of a forest, "Here," he cried, "I shall find that succour and protection which Heaven, either unable or unwilling, hath refused." But as he advanced, a robber rose suddenly from a brake; and our traveller, impelled by instant terror, and the prospect of great danger, betook himself to flight, exposing himself to the tempest of which he so bitterly complained. His enemy, meanwhile, fitting an arrow to his bow, took exact aim; but the bow-string being relaxed with the moisture, the deadly weapon fell short of its mark, and the traveller escaped uninjured. As he continued his journey, a voice issued awful from the clouds: "Meditate on the providence as well as on the power of Heaven.—The storm which you deprecated so blasphemously, hath been the means of your preservation. Had not the bow-string of your enemy been rendered useless by the rain, you had fallen a prey to his violence."

Remarkable proof of the immortality of the soul.—Gennadius, a physician, a man of eminence in piety and charity, had in his youth some doubts of the reality of another life. He saw, one night, in a dream, a young man of celestial figure, who bade him follow him. The apparition led him into a magnificent city, in which his ears were charmed by melodious music, which far exceeded the most enchanting harmony, he had ever heard. To the inquiry, whence proceeded these ravishing sounds, his conductor answered, that they were the hymns of the blessed in heaven; and disappeared. Gennadius awoke; and the impression of the dream was dissipated by the transactions of the day. The following night, the same young man appeared, and asked, whether he recollected him.—"The melodious songs which I heard last night," answered Gennadius, "are now brought again to my memory." "Did you hear them," said the apparition, "dreaming or awake?" "I heard them in a dream." "True," replied the young man, "and our present conversation is a dream. But where is your body while, I am speaking to you?" "In my chamber." "But know you not, that your eyes are shut, and you cannot see?" "My eyes are indeed shut." "How, then, can you see?" Gennadius could make no answer.—"In your dream, the eyes of your body are closed and useless; but you have others, with which you see me. Thus, after death, although the eyes of your flesh are deprived of use and motion, you will remain alive, and capable of sight and motion by your spiritual part. Cease, then, to entertain a doubt of another life after death." By this occurrence, Gennadius affirms, he became a sincere believer in the doctrine of a future state.

Theometrical Observation. A gentleman perceiving a man swallowing a liquor from a thermometer, inquired of a by-stander the reason of such a strange proceeding, to which he replied, "Oh! he is getting drunk by degrees."

THE OBSERVER.
PARIS, (Me.) THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1825.

Our next paper will be issued on Wednesday afternoon next, as our annual State Fast is to take place on Thursday following.

PRINTERS TO CONGRESS. We perceive that the Editor of the *Massachusetts (Worcester) Freeman* thinks that it was quite wrong for the last Congress to have constituted Messrs. Gales & Eaton, the Editors and Publishers of the *National Intelligencer*, Printers to the next Congress, because they refuse to exchange with country papers, unless the difference in price be paid them. For our own part, we must think a little different, as we can by no means conceive how the Editors of the paper constituted by Congress the National paper are on that account under obligation to exchange with every paper in the Union. The patronage that any paper receives, whether of a public or private nature, has nothing to do in regard to its exchange with other journals. And although we should be glad to receive the *National Intelligencer* in exchange for our paper, we have never entertained the belief that the Editors are bound to extend us this favor merely because they heretofore have been or now are Printers to Congress.

In making these remarks, we would not be understood to undervalue in the least the courtesy we receive from the Editor and Publisher of the *National Journal*, who has so obligingly afforded us his paper; and we should be as glad as the Editor of the *Yeoman* to have him prove successful at the next election.

As we are now on the subject of "exchanging papers," we take the opportunity to present our thanks to those Editors of tri and semi weekly papers who exchange with us. Sensible that they are doing us a favor, we assure them that it is received with a degree of thankfulness.

LORD PERCY. By the recent news from England, we learn that George IV has appointed the Duke of Northumberland to represent him at the Coronation of Charles X, of France, which is to take place at Rheims in course of the next summer. This nobleman is said to be one of the most wealthy Peers in England; and, if we are not mistaken, he is now quite in years, having served, in this country, as we believe, in the Revolutionary War. He was then Lord Percy, who, our readers will recollect, commanded a reinforcement, on the memorable 19th of April, 1775, to support the British troop which had gone to Lexington under the command of Lieut. Col. Smith and Major Pitcairn.

SUNDAY PAPER. By the *Salem Gazette*, we learn that "a very respectable looking newspaper" has just been established in New-York, which is to be published on Sunday mornings.

The same paper contains the following notice of a new paper which has recently been established at Brunswick, in this State. Of the correctness of the opinion advanced, we do not profess ourselves to be judges, but we guess it is pretty near right.

"New Literary Paper. We have received the first number of a newspaper, in pamphlet form, printed at Brunswick, (Me.) devoted to Science and Literature, and edited by Samuel L. Fairfield. A little less fashion, and a good deal more common sense than the Editor exhibits in the first number would be more likely to increase the patronage of his journal."

POST ROADS IN MAINE.—Many of our readers will be pleased to learn, that the following post roads were established in this State at the session of Congress, last winter.

From Camden to Vinalhaven.
From Portland, by Cumberland, Walnut Hill, in North Yarmouth, Pownal, Durham, Lisbon Four Corners, Lisbon Little River Village, Bowdoin, Litchfield, and Hallowell, to Augusta; and that the present post road from Freeport to Bowdoin be discontinued.

From Portland to Andover in the County of Oxford.

From Portland, through Westbrook, Falmouth, Gray, New Gloucester, Land, Minot, Turner, Livermore, and W. Wilton, to Hallowell.

From Portland, by Orono, Birch Stream Settlement, Ketchikan, Madeline, Sebago, Piscataquis, Passamaquoddy, and Edgemoor, to Bangor.

From Bangor to Hallowell.

From Bangor to Bingham and Concord, to Bingham.

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upon this measure as ill-advised—especially at this peculiar crisis, when not a mail arrives that does not bring us the heart-rending intelligence of the most inhuman butcheries perpetrated by some of these merciless freebooters—these monsters in human shape.

The pirates who have been confined in Chatham County Jail since the summer of 1821, viz:—PRESNO MORRIS, THOMAS HANCOCK, JOHN LYON, ROBERT VASSER, JOHN WHITE, SOLOMON LEONARD, & GEORGE TECKLA, have received a pardon from the President of the U. S. which arrived on Tuesday evening. There were originally eight of these men, on board the smack *Hiram*, which put into this port in 1821, under the character of a wrecker; but on board of which were found sundry articles, which led to their arrest and subsequent conviction. They were sentenced to be hung in April, 1822, but were respited during the pleasure of the President. One of them, JOHN MAXWELL, since died in prison. Some of them we understood, at the time of their trial were men of family. They are to leave the United States for life.

A NEW-ZEALAND CHIEF is now on a visit to England, of which he said, "he had heard many wonderful things, and he was also very anxious to see his brother George." It is presumed Lord Culhawn will have the honor of introducing his Majesty to his august Sovereign.

We copy the following letter of Governor Clinton, of New-York, to the President of the U. States, declining the offer of the appointment as Minister to London, from the New-York Statesman.

ALBANY, 25th February, 1825.
Sir—I feel most sensibly the honor conferred on me by your communication of the 19th inst.; and I receive this expression of your good opinion with a correspondent spirit. But having recently accepted from the people of this State the highest office in their power, I cannot, consistently with my sense of duty, retire from it, until I have had an ample opportunity of evincing my gratitude and my devotion to their interests.

I assure you, sir, that it will afford me the highest gratification, in my present situation, to aid you in your patriotic efforts, and to witness the auspicious influence of your administration on the best interests of our country.

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect, your most obedient servant, DE WITT CLINTON.
The Hon. John Quincy Adams, Washington.

GENERAL JACKSON'S LETTER. We publish below the letter of General Jackson to Samuel Swartwout, of New-York, on the subject of a "Military Chieftain." It seems that a writer in the *National Journal*, whose communication we subjoin to the letter, has found one mistake at least therein; and, for ourselves, we should not be surprised if some hawk-eyed fellows should find others.

[COPY.]
Washington City, 23d Feb. 1825.

MR DEAR SIR.—Yesterday I received your communication, advertising to the reasons and defence, presented by Mr. Clay to Judge Brook, why duty and reflection imposed upon him the necessity of standing in opposition to me, because of my being, as he is pleased to style me, "a military chieftain." I had seen the letter before, and when it first appeared, I did entertain the opinion that some notice of it might, perhaps, be necessary—for the reason that the expression seemed to convey with it, the appearance of personality, more than anything else; and could the opinion be at all entertained that it could meet the object, which was doubtless intended, to prejudice me in the estimation of my countrymen, I might yet consider some notice of it necessary—such a belief, however, I cannot entertain without insulting the generous testimonial which I have been honored by ninety-nine electors of the people.

I am well aware that the term "Military Chieftain" has, for some time past, been a cant phrase by Mr. Clay, and certain of his friends; but, the vote with which I have been honored by the people, is enough to satisfy me that the prejudice which was thereby sought to be produced, has availed but little. This is sufficient for me—I entertain a deep and heart-felt gratitude to my country for the confidence which she has manifested towards me, leaving to prejudiced minds whatever they can make of the epithet "Military Chieftain."

It is for ignominy greater than mine to conceive what idea was intended to be conveyed by the term. It is very true, that early in life, even in the days of my boyhood, I contributed my mite to shake off the yoke of tyranny, and to build up the fabric of free government. And when lately our country was involved in war, bearing then the commission of Major General of Militia in Tennessee, I made an appeal to the patriotism of the citizens of the west, when 3000 went with me to the field to support her Eagles. If this constitute me a "Military Chieftain," I am one. Aided by the patriotism of the western people and an indulgent Providence, it was my good fortune to protect our frontier border from the savages, and successfully to defend an important and vulnerable point of our Union. Our lives were risked, privations endured and sacrifices made—and, if Mr. Clay pleases, martial law declared—not with any view of personal aggrandizement, but for the preservation of all and every thing that was dear and valuable—the honor, the safety and glory of our country! Does this constitute the character of a "Military Chieftain?" And are all our brave men in war, who go forth to defend their rights and the rights of the country, to be termed "Military Chieftains," and denounced therefore? If so, the tendency of such a doctrine may be, to arrest the ardor of useful and brave men in future times of need and peril; with me it will make no difference, for my country at war, I should aid, assist and defend her, let the consequences to myself be what they might.

I have, as you very well know, been charged by some of the designing politicians of this country, with taking bold and high-handed measures; but as they were not designed for any benefit to myself, I should not, under similar circumstances, refrain from a course equally bold. That man, who in times of difficulty and danger, shall halt at any course necessary to maintain the rights and privileges, and independence of his country, is unworthy to authority. And if these opinions and sentiments shall entitle me to the name and character of a "Military Chieftain," I am content so to be considered—satisfied too, that Mr. Clay, if he pleases, shall give that as the reason, to the citizens of the west, why, in his opinion, I merited neither his nor their confidence.

Mr. Clay has never yet risked himself for his country. He has never sacrificed his repose, nor made an effort to repel an invading foe of course. "His conscience" assured him it was altogether wrong in any other man to lead his countrymen to battle and victory. He who fights, and fights successfully, must, according to his standard be held up as a "Military Chieftain." Even Washington, could he appear again among us, might be so considered, because he dared to be a virtuous and successful soldier—a correct man, and an honest statesman. It is only when overtaken by disaster and defeat, that any man is to be considered a safe politician and a correct statesman.

Defeat might, to be sure, have brought with it one benefit, it might have enabled me to escape the notice and animadversions of Mr. Clay; but considering that by an opposite result, my country has been somewhat benefited, I rather prefer it even with the opprobrium and censure which he seems disposed to extend towards me. To him, thank God, I am in no wise responsible. There is a purer tribunal to which I would in preference refer myself. To the judgment of an enlightened, patriotic, and uncorrupted people. To that tribunal I would rather appeal, whence is derived whatever of reputation either he or I may possess. By a reference there it will be ascertained that I did not solicit the office of President; it was the frank and flattering call of the freemen of this country, not mine, which placed my name before the nation. When they failed in their colleges to make a choice, no one beheld me seeking through art or management, to entice any representative in Congress from a conscientious responsibility to his own, or the wishes of his constituents. No midnight taper burnt by me; no secret conclaves were held, nor cabals entered into to persuade any one to a violation of pledges given, or of instructions received. By me no plans were concerted to impair the pure principles of our republican institution, nor to prostrate that fundamental maxim which maintains the supremacy of the people's will. On the contrary, having never in any manner either before the people or Congress, interfered, in the slightest degree with the question, my conscience stands void of offence, and will go quietly with me, regardless of the insinuations of those who through management may seek an influence not sanctioned by integrity and merit.

Demagogues, I am persuaded, have in times past done more injury to the cause of freedom, and the rights of man, than ever did a military chieftain, and in our country, at least in times of peace, should be much more feared. I have seen something of this in my march through life; and have seen some men too making the boldest professions, who were more influenced by selfish views and considerations, than ever they were by the workings of an honest conscience.

I became a soldier for the good of my country; difficulties met me at every step, but I thank God, it was my good fortune to surmount them. The war over, and peace restored, I retired to my farm to private life, where, but for the call I received to the Senate of the Union, I should have contentedly remained. I have never sought office or power, nor have I ever been willing to hold any post longer than I could be useful to my country, not myself, and I trust I never shall.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
(Signed) ANDREW JACKSON.
To Samuel Swartwout, New-York.

The following is the communication, to which we alluded above:

To the Editor of the *National Journal*—
The writer of the enclosed, feeling solicitous that no impressions should be made on the public mind, that may be brought to bear at a future day against the present administration, would be pleased to see it published in the Journal.

Washington, 10th March, 1825.

"The war over, and peace restored, I retired to my farm to private life, where, but for the call I received to the Senate of the Union, I should have contentedly remained. I have never sought office or power, nor have I ever been willing to hold any post longer than I could be useful to my country, not myself, and I trust I never shall."

[Gen. Jackson's letter, of the 23d Feb. 1825, to Samuel Swartwout.]

Having heard several intelligent gentlemen refer to the foregoing passage of General Jackson's letter, and insist, in conversation, that the General surrendered up his commission as Major General in the army, immediately upon the termination of the late war with Great Britain, in February, 1815, it seems due to truth, as well as to prevent impressions being made upon the public mind, which facts will not warrant, to state, that General Jackson did not resign his commission on the termination of that war, and consequently could not then have retired to private life, but that it was held by him, with all its emoluments, until the year 1821, when it is understood, and believed, he retired from the army in consequence of the passage of a law, by Congress, reducing the military establishment from 10 to 6,000 men, and only providing for one Major General.

The following article, relative to a Spinning Machine which was lately exhibited in Wisconsin, is copied from the *Lincoln Intelligencer*, published in that town. We have heard before of this Machine, and unless the judgment of men who are well acquainted with spinning machinery deceives them, this certainly is a great improvement, and we hope to see it in general use.

SPINNING MACHINE.—We yesterday witnessed the operation of a Spinning Machine, (for domestic use) invented in the State of N. York, and exhibited in this town by Mr. Penn. The Machine simply consists of a common spinning wheel acting on 2 to 12 spindles, connected to a wheel by a single band. The rolls are placed on grooved slides, which run horizontally in a frame 6 to 10 feet in length. The superiority of this machine over all others, consists in its ability to make the yarn perfectly even and of any size. The quantity of yarn which may be spun in a day, depends on the number of spindles in operation, as each spindle produces the same quantity of yarn in a day as the common process; and the simplicity of its mechanism, which renders the machine cheap, not liable to get out of order, and its operation so easy and natural that those acquainted with spinning can use it immediately—the ignorance need only learn in half a day. It is highly worthy the attention of the public, and will be of great general use. We understand the patent is purchased in the western and northern parts of this State, as also in all the other States of New-England, and that it will be exhibited in the principal towns east of here on the road to Belfast.

MR. MONROE'S CLAIMS. We have heretofore delayed to notice the statement made by Mr. Monroe relative to his claims, on account of other subjects which appeared of more immediate interest; and can now give only the following summary of it, which is extracted from the *Boston Repository*.

As we have not room for the whole of Mr. Monroe's communication on the subject of his claims upon the government, we shall state briefly the nature of these claims, as far as we can discover it from this document. When he was minister in France, he was recalled in 1795 by President Washington, on the ground that when the French Government complained of the treaty between this country and Great Britain, he did not show sufficient zeal in justifying that treaty. He received his letters of recall December 6, 1795, but did not leave his audience of leave until January 1, 1797, and in consequence of the dangers of a winter voyage, did not leave France until the 20th of

April following. On settling his account, he was allowed pay only to December 6, but subsequently, in 1817, he received a further allowance for the interval of January 1, but considers himself entitled to a still further allowance of his salary to the period of his leaving France. He makes a claim also on the ground that an inadequate allowance was made in his account for contingent expenses. He was frequently called on during his mission, to afford aid to American citizens. He afforded relief to Thomas Paine. He obtained his discharge from prison, took him to his house, and supplied him for a year and a half with everything necessary. He also advanced money for the relief of Madame La Fayette. These last advances have been repaid by the government, but for those made to Thomas Paine, he never presented any claim, and he does not now desire any indemnity.

In his second mission, which began in 1803, he says that the instances in which he thought that justice had been withheld from him were more numerous. The first is, that on his special mission to France, no outfit was allowed him at the time of his appointment, nor until after his return on the settlement of his account in 1810. He says the difference between the allowance at one and at the other period cannot fairly be estimated by the mere interest of the money, for the term during which it was withheld. He admits that the motive for not allowing the outfit, at the time of his appointment, was patriotic and just. Economy was, no doubt, a much higher virtue in the estimation of the administration then, than it was at a later period. Another claim is for a sum of money which he was obliged to pay in consequence of having engaged his passage, to proceed on this mission in a ship which sailed before his instructions were ready. Another claim is founded on deduction of \$2000 made from his account of contingent expenses—an account which had been regulated by the amount which had previously been allowed to Mr. King for a like term. Another claim is founded on the increase of his expenses for the last two years and four months of his residence in England, beyond what they would have been, if he had had the opportunity of regulating his affairs on the footing of permanent residence. These appear to be all the claims which he presents, with the exception of interest on whatever shall be allowed, from the time when it ought to have been paid. The amount of the several claims is not specified. The statement is accompanied with remarks, which are extended to a very great length. He enters in the course of these remarks into a brief explanation of his disbursements of the furniture fund, and of his connection with Colonel Lane, but we do not perceive that he rests on these transactions, any claim against the government for money.

Hon. ESOPH LINCOLN arrived in town from Washington, yesterday afternoon.

FOR THE OBSERVER.
Answer to the *Comendrum* in the *Massachusetts Spy*, of the 23d instant.

Would you see the maid who loves to rove
Beneath the shades, in groves tripping,
With three sides neat; present your grove
Complete—thither you'll find her ambling.

V. W.

FOR THE OBSERVER.
Answer to the *Comendrum* contained in the *National Journal*, of the 18th inst.

Washington a hero lived;
Surnamed the Just, Aristides died;
Sunday is a day the Jews don't revere;
A Haven is a place all seamen hold dear;
Independence, of which we boast exulting;
With our Navy has ever sail'd triumphing;
Noble Greece, hild with patriotism, sighs to be free;
The *Ther* in Italy flows into the sea;
An *Ocelus* is a figure of more sides than three;
And *Amypha* is a Goddess of both woods and sea.

The *Initials* added, then, will give
A Hero's name that'll ever live
In every heart while time moves on,
Who's now in heaven with God's own son.

B. P.

FROM THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN.
Trial of Desha.—We have received from a gentleman in Kentucky an extra Gazette containing Judge Shannon's opinion on the subject of granting a new trial in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Desha, indicted for the murder of Baker. It contains ten columns of closely printed matter, in which the Judge undertakes to shew from the evidence, that Desha could not have been the murderer of Baker—nay, he strongly intimates his suspicions, that the witnesses on the part of the prosecution who first discovered the dead body, were themselves the perpetrators of this sanguinary deed. In the whole of this long comment but one column is given to a consideration of the reasons for a new trial, which were, improper deportment on the part of the sheriff and jury—the rest is occupied by a consideration of the evidence presented on the trial. Of this extensive matter, the following is a comprehensive analysis. On the 2d of November, Baker breakfasted at a tavern kept by a Mr. Doggett, and rode off in a state of intoxication. Desha had arrived at the tavern the succeeding day, they departed together, both on horseback. Soon afterwards the mare on which Baker rode (testified so by two of the witnesses, but disbelieved by the Judge) with a saddle and bridle on, came to Ball's, a place four miles distant from the other and was caught by a man by the name of Milton Ball, supposing some rider had been thrown from his horse. He testifies that he shortly afterwards met Desha's horse destitute of a rider also, with a saddle on but no bridle, and shortly after, met Desha himself with a pair of saddle bags on his arm, who mounted the mare, took the deponent up behind him, and returned to the house of the deponent's father. Desha departed, taking with him both the horse and the mare to the house of his father. This took place according to this testimony, on the 2d of November. On the eighth of that month, the body of the deceased was found between Ball's and Doggett's by Milton Ball, about fifty yards from and in sight of the public road, lying by the side of a log, and the side next to the road with the throat cut from ear to ear, and with other marks of violence, exhibiting every symptom of a recent murder. The features were natural—there was no swelling of the body, and so offensive evidence of putrescence. This is the

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Desha states that he purchased the mare and saddle bags of the deceased, for which he gave him his note, and returned riding her and leading his horse—that his horse pulled away from him, and in so doing, tore a rag from his finger which had been cut the day before—that he dismounted to obtain the rag, and to adjust it to his finger, and while he was doing this, the mare also escaped. He states that he followed them on until he was overtaken by Hall in the manner as stated by the witness. In this way he accounts for the blood upon the bridge.

A gentleman, direct from Kentucky, informs the Editor of the Philadelphia Gazette, that Desha has not made his escape from jail, as has been reported.

[From the Troy Sentinel, March 18.]

Afflictive Occurrence.—Three lads, members of Lansingburgh Academy, went into the woods on Monday last to gather winter greens, and found and ate a kind of root they supposed to be spikenard; before they got home however they complained of feeling unwell, and one of them, Cambridge Davidson, of Charleston, S. C. died before he could reach his boarding-house; another, James Hector, of Lansingburgh, died immediately after, and the life of young Heermance, of Albany, was saved by the operation of a powerful emetic. The root they had eaten, and believed to be spikenard, proved to be water hemlock, which it seems is one of the most active vegetable poisons produced in our climate. Young Davidson was preparing to enter college in the fall, was a youth of great promise, the only child of his mother, and she is a widow. May that Being "who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," support her under this heart-rending bereavement.

Volcano. The Essex county Republican, of March 12, says, "that on Sunday last about 2 o'clock in the morning, a shock was felt in this town, supposed to be an earthquake. Some thought it to be thunder, others supposed at the moment that it was the rattling of wagons on the frozen ground, and others thought it to be the cracking of ice in the lake. In Brookfield the shock was much more severe. But we have just learned from the town of Lewis, that it proves to have been a volcano. We understand that there is a mountain there, whose bowels of stone and earth, have been thrown out to the depth of a hundred feet, and that smoke was seen to issue from the centre for three days afterwards. It is reported that a similar eruption took place there several years ago; we conclude therefore, that it is a genuine volcano. And although we do not aspire to the fame of classic ground, it is demonstrated that we belong to the same world with Sicily; and if we cannot boast of cities overwhelmed with floods of lava, we have Vulcan's workshop in miniature, and can point to a field, worthy of the researches of the Naturalist.

BALLSTON SPA, March 15.

Melancholy Accident.—Mr. William Powers, of Charlton, in this county, was engaged about two weeks since in digging sand for the purpose of building, and incautiously penetrating too far into the bank, it caved in, and a large mass of frozen earth fell upon him, which broke his bones in a most shocking manner: he lingered until the 8th inst. when he expired. He has left a wife and several children to mourn his loss.—Gazette.

The house of Moses Wright, of Templeton, Worcester county, was destroyed by fire in the afternoon of the fourth of March. The spirited exertions of the citizens of the village, have already furnished the sufferer with a new house, which was framed, raised, boarded and shingled in the space of seven days.—Bost. Cour.

From the Nantucket Inquirer.

Who has sailed over 870,000 miles? Captain Benjamin Worth sailed from this port in the year 1783, and has continued in various maritime employments till the year 1824, being 41 years; seven only of which he has passed at home. During this period (34 years) he made the following voyages: One to London, four to the coast of Guinea, five to the Brazil and Africa, eight to the Pacific Ocean, one to the West Indies, one to the Grand Bank, one to the N. W. Coast and Canton; in accomplishing which he has sailed by computation, 870,000 miles! He has passed Cape Horn 16 times; the Cape of Good Hope twice; circumnavigated the globe twice; visited nearly all the ports on the coasts of Chili and Peru; the N. W. Coast of America, New Holland, New Zealand, Canton and more than forty islands in the Southern Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; obtained fifteen thousand barrels of sperm oil, and four thousand barrels whale oil—never having had a man killed on board his vessel nor a bone of one of his men broken by a whale.

This veteran of the sea, who is still vigorous and active, has travelled at the average rate of three miles per hour, night and day, for thirty-four years!

Arrivals.—It will be perceived by our shipping list, that a number of valuable arrivals have occurred yesterday. It is said that not less than two millions of property came into this port; a proof of the great and growing prosperity of New-York.—Noah's Ark.

POLICE COURT, BOSTON.—On Monday afternoon, a complaint was entered by the Mayor of the city, against Samuel W. Pomroy, Jr. George Baxter and Charles Hammond, as disturbers of the public peace. The defendants were examined before Justice Orne, and laid under bonds of five thousand dollars each, with two sureties each in the sum of two thousand and five hundred dollars, to keep the peace and be of good behaviour, until the next term of the Municipal Court. A warrant was also issued against Samuel Hammond, Jr. as a party concerned in the same offence. The assaults which gave rise to this complaint took place in State-street on Saturday and Monday. The particulars of the origin of the difficulty we have not learned. Mr. Quincy has pursued a course which must elevate his character as an independent and impartial magistrate.

At the Court of Common Pleas, in Somerset County, Maine, the present month, there were 3 convictions of Larceny, and sentences as follows:

John Burgess, 60 days solitary confinement, and two years hard labor in the State Prison.

Daniel M. Daniels, 30 days solitary, and 15 months hard labor.

Robert S. Smith, 20 days solitary, and 60 days hard labor.

Mr. Thomas Edwards, a wealthy farmer of King William county, Va. has been murdered by two of his slaves. It is said, that Mr. E. went into the woods to see how two of his sawyers went on. He had previously complained of their being lazy, and threatened some punishment upon them, if they continued to neglect their duty. The slaves have been arrested and confess having murdered him in a most shocking manner.

A writer in the Boston Courier says that five of the Boston Banks have formed a combination for the purpose of receiving what is called "foreign money" at par, and for making runs upon the distant banks for specie. These Banks, says the writer, are the Suffolk, State, Eagle, Globe, and Columbian.

Gen. Lafayette, on the 2d inst. was received at Raleigh, N. C. with every mark of respectful attention from the civil and military authorities of that State. A suitable address was made to him by Gov. Barton, and another by Col. Wm. Polk, who served with the General in the Revolutionary war. He attended a dinner and ball given by the citizens of Raleigh, and proceeded to Fayetteville where he was expected to arrive on the 4th inst.

The Steam Packet between Eastport and St. Johns has commenced running for the season.

A vessel arrived at New-York reports—Feb. 19, off Matanzas, saw a sloop of war and a sch'r. under Colombian colors take a long black sch'r. full of men—supposed her to be a pirate.

Capt. Bridges, from Jacquemel, states that the Pirates are again becoming quite numerous around St. Domingo, and between Capes Tiboron and Nichola Mole. At Cape Maize on the Cuba shore, several American vessels have lately been taken by them. Our cruizers are seldom seen on the South side of the Island of St. Domingo, though we have a great trade there. An hermaphrodite brig, had recently been taken off St. Domingo. Off Crooked Island, Capt. B. spoke an English brig from Jamaica, who informed that two piratical schooners were cruising in the Passages, and had robbed several vessels. The schr. Mobile, of Baltimore, had been obliged to throw overboard her deck load, and run into Jacquemel to escape the pirates.

Mer. Advertiser.

FRANKLIN, (Missouri), Jan. 25.

Sante Fe.—From Mr. Cooper, who has lately returned from Sante Fe, we learn the following particulars: A company of five persons, of which he was one, left the Province of New Mexico for this State, in November last. On their way in, one of their number, (a Mr. Wixon) was murdered by the Ojaga Indians. The party suffered extremely from cold and hunger, and at one time were compelled to subsist on their mules. Mr. Cooper states that the company which left here last spring, had not yet disposed of their goods—the sales were effected very slowly, and that their goods now on their way to that country, together with what are already there, will be more than adequate to the demand.

Bridewell. Freeman Peckhow, who is in Bridewell for robbing Mr. Benson, of Philadelphia, attempted to break out by endeavoring to remove the bars and some heavy stones, but was detected, and is now chained in Johnson's room. About 3000 dollars were recovered from him, and there is every reason to believe that he is the man who knocked down Gassner's clerk and robbed him.

He was not aware of the steps taken to arrest him, but as a proof of his desperate character, he assured the officers, that had he not been betrayed, he would have despatched two of them before allowing himself to be taken. Ibid.

From Deane's New England Farmer.

IMPROVEMENT.

This is not the more use, and occupying of lands as the word is very improperly used, but implies such an employment of them as shall constantly render them profitable to the occupant. If lands are so inferior in their natural qualities and productiveness, as not to return to the cultivator a reasonable profit for his labor, rent, and interest, it would be better to abandon them either altogether, or to bestow more labor and manure on a part of them, leaving the residue for scanty pasture for their cattle and sheep. Perhaps the greatest error into which our farmers too often fall is the attempt to cultivate too much land even when it is good—but the error is still greater when the lands are of inferior quality. The practice of cropping their lands, till they will no longer yield sufficient to pay the expense of culture, is perhaps the source of the poverty of many farmers. Nothing can be more pernicious than the custom of exhausting lands, and then leaving them to recruit by neglect, and permitting them to bear such weeds, and exhausting plants, as any soil, however impoverished, will furnish. The European mode of following, which consists of repeated turnings of the soil, enriched by the weeds, which spring up spontaneously upon the ground so abandoned is perhaps the most judicious course; but it is doubted whether in a country like our own, in which the lands of the first quality, are not yet exhausted, and are more than competent to supply all the wants of our own population, and all that other nations will take at a price, which will return the expense of labor and capital can be advantageous. It would seem, therefore, to be the evident policy of our farmers to cultivate no more land than what they can attend to thoroughly, and instead of spreading their labors over large tracts, no one acre of which on computation yields a fair remuneration for their toil and capital, that they should confine themselves to smaller portions, and cultivate these with spirit and intelligence.

To apply these general remarks, suppose a farmer, possessed of one hundred acres of sandy or gravelly land, and to own 10 or 20 head of cattle. It is scarcely to be believed that on a farm of such a size, there should not be ten or

fifteen acres of meadow ground, or of richer soil. If he would devote all his manure from his cattle to his best lands—if instead of reaping 10 or fifteen bushels of rye, or 25 or 30 bushels of Indian corn to the acre, he would apply all his manure carefully preserved, and intelligently increased by all the substances, calculated to make a compost heap, to 10 acres of the best part of his land, he would be able to gather 1000 bushels of potatoes, 1000 bushels of carrots, as many of Swedish turnips, and 150 bushels of Indian corn on his ten acres of cultivated land. Can it be doubted that his stock would be better fed, his family better supplied, his neat income from articles sold from his farm much more increased, than if he should persevere in the old system of raising rye at the rate of 15 or 20, or corn at the rate of 35 bushels to the acre? We only ask that the experiment should be tried—but above all that the culture of roots, and the increase of manure should be attempted for only a few successive years. We have no fear that this system would be ever afterwards abandoned.

In ascertaining the composition of sterile soils with a view to their improvement, any particular ingredient which is the cause of their unproductiveness, should be particularly attended to; if possible they should be compared with fertile soils in the same neighborhood, and in similar situations. If a barren soil contains salts of iron, or any acid matter it may be improved by quick lime. If there be any excess of lime or chalky matter, sand or clay should be applied. Where there is too much sand—clay, marle, or vegetable matter is required. Peat makes a good manure for a sandy soil. The improvement of peats, bogs, or marsh lands must be commenced by draining.

The materials necessary for the purpose of improving soils are seldom far distant: sand is generally found beneath clay, and clay often beneath sand. Peat and bog earth are commonly to be obtained in the neighborhood of gravel and sand.

Swamp land, after being drained, may often be improved by quick lime, which is sometimes better than taring and burning, as by the latter process much vegetable matter, capable of being converted into manure is dissipated and lost.

I would entreat farmers to consider that the cost of raising a poor crop, one time with another, is nearly as much as that of raising a large one. There is the same expended in fencing—the same tax paid—the same quantity of seed sown—the same almost expended in ploughing, as rich land ploughs so much more easily than poor, as to make up for the extra number of ploughings in a course of tillage. I may add, there is the same or more labor in thrashing. An attention to these things is enough to convince any one of the great importance of endeavoring to improve crops by a more spirited and rational husbandry.

If a farmer think he cannot afford to lay out a furthering more on the tillage of an acre, than he has been accustomed to do, let him be instructed to save a little in fencing, and so enable himself to do it, leaving out some of his lands that bring little or no profit, and pay taxes for a less quantity of land in tillage; or let him turn some of his tillage land to grass; and lay out the same quantities of labor and manure on a third less land in tillage. Lands in tillage might thus be made profitable; and more so than many are ready to imagine.

It has often been observed, that those farmers in this country who have the fewest acres, commonly get the best living from their farms. It is doubtless, because their lands are under better cultivation. And some have taken occasion to remark that our farmers are ruined by the great plenty of land in their possession. Though this remark is just, I can see no reason why it should continue to be so, any more than that being rich should necessarily make a man poor. What need has that man who possesses 300 acres, to destroy the wood, or clear the land as they call it, any faster than he can make use of the soil to the best advantage? What need has he to be at the expense of enclosing more than his neighbor does, who has only one hundred acres, while he has no more ability or occasion for doing it? Or to pay taxes for more acres in grass or tillage? It is a foolish and ruinating ambition in any one, to desire to have a wide farm, that he may appear to be rich, when he is able to give it only a partial and slovenly culture.

If such improvements as are possible, and even easy were made in the husbandry of this country, many and great advantages would be found to arise. As twice the number of people might be supported on the same quantity of land, all our farming towns would become twice as populous as they are likely to be in the present state of husbandry. There would be, in general, but half the distance to travel to visit our friends and acquaintance. Friends might oftener see, and converse with each other. Half the labor would be saved in carrying corn to mill, and produce to market; half the journeying saved in attending courts; and half the expense in supporting government, and in making and repairing roads; half the distance saved, in going to the smith, the weaver, clothier, &c.; half the distance saved in going to public worship, and most other meetings; for where steeples are four miles apart, they would be only two or three. Much time, expense, and labor, would on these accounts be saved; and civilization, with all the social virtues, would, perhaps, be proportionably promoted and increased.

Nothing is wanting to produce these, and other agreeable effects, but a better knowledge of, and closer attention to, matters of husbandry, with their necessary consequences, which would be a more perfect culture, a judicious choice of crops, and change of seeds, and making every advantage of manures.

MARRIED.

In Hebron, by Zebulon Chadbourne, Esq. Mr. Samuel Morse, of Hebron, to Miss Margaret White, of Otisfield.

In Lancaster, on the 15th inst. after a tedious courtship of three hours, Mr. Amos Sawyer, aged 70, to Miss Nancy Fuller, aged 40.

DEATHS.

In Norway on Saturday last, Mrs. Hannah, wife of Mr. Nathan Noble, aged 61. The deceased will long be held in remembrance by a numerous circle of relations and neighbors to whom she had become peculiarly endeared by her kind and friendly disposition.

In Livermore, Mrs. Meriam, wife of Mr. Abel Delano, aged 40.

In Newton, Col. Josiah Fuller, aged 86.

In Worcester, on the 18th inst. Mr. Curtis Fowle, aged 64. He was an Englishman by birth—came to this country about the year 1766, on board a British frigate, from which he deserted. In 1775 he joined the American army, in which he faithfully served during the whole revolutionary war.

In North Brookfield, Mr. Justus Atwood, aged 37.—Mr. Silas Stevens, a revolutionary patriot, aged 86.—Mr. Zaccheus Mead, in the hundredth year of his age.—Widow Rebekah Kingsbury, aged 71.—Mr. William Dane, in the hundredth year of his age.

In Sutton, Mrs. Lydia Elliot, wife of Dea. Aaron Elliot, in the 76th year of her age.

In Mendon, on the 7th inst. Henry Remington, son of Tiddiman H. Remington, aged 22 years—found dead in an out building, near his father's house. A little before sunset, on the same evening, the deceased was seen to have a large horseman's pistol, pretending to his friends to be going a hunting—but after an absence of three or four minutes, they were alarmed by the report of the pistol, with which he perpetrated the fatal deed, by shooting himself through the heart. He was soon found, lying on his face, his clothes on fire, and the pistol some feet distant from where he lay.

In Kilmarnock, Me. Mr. Christopher Soverins, of Knox, aged 25. He went to the woods with a team, in good health and spirits, and had loaded a log, but without any extraordinary exertions, when he told his companion that he felt faint and wished his assistance. His friend took him in his arms, and after a few struggles he expired.

In Weare, N. H. Mr. John Muzzey, aged 81. He has left a widow and ten children, sixty-six grand children and twenty-one great grand children.

In Salisbury, N. H. Feb. 24, Mrs. Judith Bean, wife of Phinehas Bean, Esq. aged 75. Also, on the 2d day of March inst. Phinehas Bean, Esq. aged 74. They both died of the prevailing influenza. They were among the first settlers of Salisbury, and had lived in the married state 55 years. Mr. Bean was a faithful soldier of the revolution, a firm supporter of the government, and had held a commission of the peace 25 years, and that of coroner 30 years. The duties of these offices he discharged with fidelity and honor. He retained his mental faculties till his last moments, and died without a groan or murmur. Mr. Bean and his wife were interred in the same grave; and it is worthy of remark that their brother and sister, John and Anna Fifield, who died in Salisbury last October, one aged 91, and the other 84 years, were also interred in one grave.

In Goffstown, N. H. March 7, Deacon William Story, in the 81st year of his age—for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Congregational Church in that place.

In Wallingford, Conn. Mrs. Lydia Parker, wife of Capt. Levi Parker, aged 65. She arose after resting well during the night, attended to the business of the morning as usual, and went to spinning on a small wheel. She continued spinning until a few minutes past 10 o'clock, fell out of her chair and expired in a moment. This sudden and unexpected death, as well as other instances of mortality, should forcibly remind us of the admonition of our Saviour, "Be ye also ready."

On the 2d inst. Mrs. Fanny Mosely, of Fort Covington, New-York, was shot dead while asleep in bed, by a young man whom she refused to marry.

John Reid who was lately convicted of an attempt to poison the Carrol family, died in the Penitentiary at New-York on Saturday afternoon last, of typhus fever.

There died in Little Compton, R. I. in January and February last, six persons, whose ages amounted to 566 years. Eldest upwards of 100—youngest 81.

DREAM DICTIONARY.

JUST PUBLISHED, and for sale at the Oxford Bookstore, the new and complete DREAM DICTIONARY, arranged in alphabetical order, to which is added the invaluable secret of KNOWING FUTURE EVENTS, by Chasmas and Ceremonies—compiled from the most approved authorities, both ancient and modern, by an adept in the science.

FRESH SUPPLY ENGLISH GOODS.

ASA BARTON, Agent, HAS just received and offers for sale, a few pieces of Calicoes; Muslins; Cambrics; British Shirts, &c.

ALSO—Vestings; Fancy Handkerchiefs; Black Lace Veils; Merino and Swiss Muslin Blanks; Ruffs; Black and White Silk Lace; Ribbons; Needle Cases, &c.—which will be sold cheap for cash only.

ALSO—Sheetings; Shirts; Sattinets; Yarns, from No. 7 to 12; Knitting Yarn and Thread.

Paris, March 17.

ANDERSON'S COUGH DROPS.

FOR SALE at the Oxford Bookstore, Anderson's COUGH DROPS. The following certificate we think sufficient testimony in favor of this invaluable medicine:

"This is to certify that the subscriber was brought very low by spitting blood, attended with a cough and catarrh, and that nothing afforded me real relief until I commenced taking Anderson's Cough Drops, the use of which were the means in the hand of God of restoring me again to a comfortable state of health. And I do further certify that the wife of Mr. Nathan Huntington, living in the same place, was afflicted with a very bad cough for a number of years, and that in 1823 she was reduced so low, that it was thought she must soon be in her grave, as she was scarcely able to walk from her bed to the fire, when she commenced taking Anderson's Cough Drops, the use of which, in a short time, so far restored her, that she was soon able to do a good day's work. I can cheerfully recommend this medicine to the public."

PHILO JUDSON, Pastor of the Church in Ashford, (Conn.) Ashford, Sept. 25, 1824.

POETRY.

FOR THE OBSERVER. INTemperance.

Thou pest of society and plague of our land,
Thy march is destructive as Arabia's loose sand.
Like a three-edged sword, at one deadly blow,
Health, Property, Character, all are laid low.
Disease is thy doom, thy punishment pain,
And want and disgrace are seen in thy train.
Then who (as says Shakespeare) would be at the pains,
To put in his mouth what will steal out his brains?
Intemperance, dire demon, how long shall we see,
Columbia's bright prospects thus blighted by thee? C.

DANCING.

Religion does not censure, or exclude
Unnumbered pleasures, harmlessly pursued. COWPER.
The long expected evening comes, the ball
Summons its votaries to their much loved hall.
Joy fills each breast, and gladness points the way
Where health and pleasure hold united sway.
Each gaily entering, leaves dull care behind,
Gives spleen and melancholy to the wind.
Mirth waves her magic wand unseen in air,
And bids defiance to the approach of care.
With mystic circle shields her favorite place
From all the intrusions of his demon race.
Now fond inquiries, cordial greetings, prove
Pledges of friendship, harbingers of love;
And true politeness, unconstrained by art,
Bespeaks benevolence in every heart.
Beauty and wit and fashions here display
Their charms to fascinate, their power to sway;
And sprightly conversation, pure, refined,
Pours forth the richest treasures of the mind.
Sweet music, strike an animating strain,
Lead on the winning grace in thy train.
Teach the light-footed band thy skill to know,
Bid them with varied air, now quick, now slow,
Lead down, cast off, join hands, recede, advance,
In all the mazy movements of the magic dance.
Far hence be envy, jealousy and strife,
Offspring of pride, sworn foe to social life;
Hence let the angry frown of discord cease,
And every smiling feature whisper peace.
Here harmony and sweet affection blend,
Point to one purpose, to one object tend.
Curb the rude passions of the untutored soul,
The rough refine, the impetuous controul.
Man, without intercourse, unpolished, rude,
Is still a wilderness, yet unsubdued,
With latent powers of rich luxuriance blest,
But wanting cultivation, full a waste.
Harmless amusement strows life's path with flowers,
Delights its gay, beguiles its tedious hours,
Wakes with mild influence the soul of youth
To virtue, love, sincerity and truth,
Wipes from the cheek of age, his starting tears,
And smooths his passage down the vale of years.
Eastern Chronicle.

THE TEMPEST.

The tempest has darkened the face of the skies,
The winds whistle wildly across the waste plain,
The flocks of the whirlwind terrific arise,
And mingle the clouds with the white foaming main.
All dark is the night, and gloomy the shore,
Save when the red lightnings the ether divide,
Then follows the thunder with loud sounding roar,
And echoes in concert the billowy tide.
But though now all is murky, and shaded with gloom,
Hope, the soother, soft whispers the tempest shall cease;
Then nature again in her beauty shall bloom,
And enamoured embrace the fair sweet-smiling peace.

For the bright blushing morning, all rosy with light,
Shall convey on her wings the creator of day,
He shall drive all the tempests and terrors of night,
And nature enliven'd again shall be gay.
Then the warblers of spring shall attune the soft lay,
And again the bright fowls shall blush in the vale;
On the breast of the ocean soft zephyrs shall play,
And the sun-beam shall sleep on the hill and the dale.

If the tempest of nature so soon sink to rest,
If her once faded beauties so soon glow again,
Shall man be forever by tempests oppress'd—
By the tempests of passion, of sorrow, and pain?
Ah no! for his passion and sorrow shall cease,
When the troublesome fever of life shall be o'er;
In the night of the grave he shall slumber in peace,
And passion and sorrow shall vex him no more.
And shall not this night, and its long dismal gloom,
Like the night of the tempest, again pass away?
Yes! the dust of the earth in bright beauty shall bloom
And rise in the morning of heavenly day!

VARIOUS.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EXAMINER. ON THE WORKS OF GOD.

The Psalmist contemplated the objects which
night offered to his view, as the works of God;
but with very different thoughts and feelings
from those, with which the science of modern
times has taught us to regard them. He saw
the stars, every where scattered in the depths
of heaven, and the moon, moving steadily
through her appointed course, as if endowed with
life and intelligence; and he admired that be-
neficence, which had displayed before him a
scene so beautiful and solemn, and had made
such provision for the wants of man, when the
light of day is withdrawn. But he had no
thought, that what seemed to him the orna-
mented canopy of the earth, was a universe
speaking on every side. He had no concep-
tion, that those little points, so many of which
manifested themselves only by a faint and in-
terrupted glimmering, were suns, placed at
immense distances from us and from each other,
pouring forth floods of splendor upon sys-
tems of their own. The science of modern
times has taught us, that the number of these
cannot be defined or estimated. The tract of
pale light, which stretches across the sky, ap-
pearing like a thin cloud, which the wind
might disperse, is the united blaze of myriads
of suns. In every portion of the heavens, there
are similar clouds of obscure light, which our
instruments discover, and resolve in like man-
ner into collections of stars. There are other
appearances of the same kind, the particular
stars composing which cannot be separately
discerned by any power of art. There are col-
lections of suns, systems, some of them proba-
bly of vast grandeur, other universes, if one
may so speak, which discover themselves to
us only by a faint gleam passing over the re-
flector of a telescope. The distance of these

remoter bodies is so vast and measureless, that
we can hardly speak of it except in relation to
the inconceivable swiftness of light. The rays
by which they are now made visible to the eye
of the astronomer, the rapid motion of which
might circle the earth while one is pronoun-
cing a syllable, have been darting forward for
thousands and ten thousands of years to reach
us. All the events and revolutions, which
history records, have taken place during the
conclusion of their progress. They commen-
ced their career, it has been computed, at a pe-
riod of such remote antiquity, that compared
with it, the date of that time, when God gave
the earth to man for habitation, is but of yester-
day.*

But when we have reached the utmost dis-
tance to which the power of our instruments
can penetrate, who will say, that we are ap-
proaching any limits of the creation? who will
say, that, if the disembodied spirits should
travel forward through eternity, numberless
systems would not be continually spreading
before it? All that part of the universe that
we are able to discern, is peopled by inhabi-
tants, who have the common want of heat and
light; who will say, that there are not other
parts of the material universe inhabited by be-
ings of different natures, to whom these wants
are unknown? It is only some portion, we
know not how small, of the material universe,
which is obvious to our senses; who will at-
tempt to define the limits of the invisible
world? who will attempt to set bounds to the
works of infinite power and infinite goodness?

*Dr. Herschell has calculated that the distance of
the remotest of the nebulae, exceeds that of the near-
est fixed star at least three hundred thousand times.
Upon this fact, he thus remarks: 'A telescope with
a power of penetrating into space, like my forty feet
one, has also, as it may be called, a power of pen-
etrating into time past. To explain this, we must
consider, that from the known velocity of light, it
may be proved, that, when we look at Sirius, the rays
which enter the eye cannot have been less than six
years and four months and a half coming from that
star to the observer. Hence it follows, that when we
see an object at the calculated distance, at which one
of these very remote nebulae, may still be perceived,
the rays of light which convey its image to the eye,
must have been more than nineteen hundred and ten
thousand, that is, almost two millions of years on their
way; and that, consequently, so many years ago,
this object must already have had an existence in the
sidereal heavens, in order to send out those rays by
which we now perceive it. See Phil. Trans. for 1800,
pp. 83, 85, and for 1802, pp. 498, 499.

FROM THE NEW ENGLAND FARMER. TICKS IN SHEEP.

WEST BOSTON, (Mass.) Feb. 20, 1825.

MR. FESSENDEN.—It is a common thing for sheep
to be infested with ticks, which frequently
prove very troublesome to them, especially in
the spring season of the year. But the pain
and vexation which they cause the sheep is not
the only evil which they occasion; for the
poor animals when grievously annoyed by
these obnoxious vermin are almost continually
combating their assailants, but instead of over-
coming the enemy or effecting any thing more
than a momentary relief from their suffering,
they gradually pull out and waste their wool
and in this way diminish their fleece to the
small loss of the owner.

As great an evil as this may seem to be, the
remedy is both simple and easy. Boil a small
quantity of tobacco, perhaps what grows on one
good thrifty stalk would be enough for half a
dozen sheep, in so much water as when it is
sufficiently boiled there shall be two or three
gallons of liquor; let it become sufficiently
cool, then open the wool along the centre of
the neck and back of the sheep and with a
brush of tow or some other spongy substance
put on the decoction until the skin becomes
thoroughly moistened therewith, and in a short
time the ticks will all be destroyed, and the
sheep, instead of pulling out and wasting their
wool, by fruitless exertions of self-defence, will
become easy and contented, and suffer their
fleece to remain to be taken off by the shears.

For many years I have taken this method
with my sheep, just before the time of their
lambling and have always found it to have the
desired effect. I very much dislike the foolish
practice of chewing, snuffing, and smoking the
poisonous weed, at least when no better reason
can be given for so doing than fashion or the
force of habit; yet I annually raise a few plants
for the benefit of my sheep, and would recom-
mend to every one who keeps these useful ani-
mals to do the same.

Yours, &c. A YEOMAN.

OPPOSITE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.

The common drinks of the Japanese are hot;
ours are cold. They uncover their feet out
of respect; we the head. They are fond of
black teeth; we of white. They mount their
horses on the right side; we on the left.

Among the Chinese, white is the color for
mourning; a son has no right to wear white
clothes while his father and mother live; but
he can wear no other for three years after their
death; With us, black is the color for moun-
ting. The Chinese use their boots for poc-
kets, putting into them their fans, papers, &c.;
the boots are made very wide, and of black
satin or leather: We use our coats, &c. The
dress of women of the lower classes in China
is the same as, or differs but little from, that
of the men; with us, no two things are more dis-
similar. The Chinese for beauty reduce both
eyebrows to one arched line: we let them
alone to form two arched lines, and delight in
the 'graceful curve.' Long nails are with us a
disgrace: with the Chinese, they are an honor.
Both men and women of rank in China suffer
the nails of the left hand to grow to an extraor-
dinary length, in order to prove their gentility,
and to distinguish themselves from laborers and

mechanics. De Guine saw a mandarin whose
nails were nearly six inches in length, and a
physician who had brought them to ten or
twelve inches. The nails are thus kept ex-
tremely clear and transparent, and at night are
carefully enclosed in bamboo cases. There is
another peculiarity of custom among the Chi-
nese, which is said to be universal: they use
their left hand in preference to the right.

A Portuguese woman, when she rides, sits
with the left side towards the horse's head;
and an English woman with the right.

A Portuguese wife never assumes the family
name of her husband, but in all the vicissitudes
of matrimony retains her own: an English woman
always assumes the family name of her
husband. The Portuguese are generally ad-
dressed by their christian name; we by our
family one. In Portugal, the master of the
house precedes the visitor in going out: with
us, the visitor precedes.

The Italians reckon on the commencement of
their day from sunset: we from sunrise. Their
clocks strike all the hours from one to twenty-
four; ours from one to twelve.

The Kamchatkades always use dogs for the
purposes of labor and travelling: we use hor-
ses and oxen.

We use wine and ardent spirits for intoxica-
tion; but the Turks opium. We undress and
go to bed at some certain hour, and wait the
approach of sleep: the Turks, being seated on
a mattress, smoke till they find themselves
sleepy; then laying themselves down, their
servants cover them. Dinner is our principal
meal; supper theirs.

In Colombia, South America, a person in easy
circumstances is carried on his travels by men,
in a chair; and in that country, they talk of
going on a man's back, as we mention going on
horseback.

In conclusion, I would state what an Ameri-
can writer says, viz: that the Spaniards may be
said to sleep upon every affair of importance;
the Italians to fiddle upon every thing; the
French to dance upon every thing; the Ger-
mans to smoke upon every thing; the British
Islanders to cat upon every thing; and the
Americans to talk upon every thing.

York Recorder.

FROM A LONDON PAPER.

Catholic Ceremonies.—The celebrated cere-
mony of opening the Sacred Gate at Rome, was
performed with great pomp and solemnity, at
the 20th hour, on Christmas eve. His Holiness,
with a numerous and splendid retinue, and ac-
companied by the Swiss Guard, proceeded from
the Vatican Palace, and arrived in the
vestibule of the Basilica, where he alighted
from the seat on which he had been borne, un-
der a splendid canopy, supported by the Apo-
stolic Referendaries, and ascended the throne;
Cardinals Caoprotti and Vidone officiating as
deacons: 18 other Cardinals were present.—
All the attendants having taken their places,
his Holiness received the silver hammer from
Cardinal Carliglioni, and three times struck the
wall of the sacred gate, where the holy cross
is delineated, his Holiness singing three verses,
to which the pontifical chanters responded. His
Holiness having given back the hammer, re-
turned to the throne, and giving the signal, the
whole of the sacred gate fell. The Holy Fa-
ther, after some prayers, placed himself before
it, received from the Cardinals (acting as dea-
cons) the cross and the taper and began the Te
Deum laudamus; and immediately, besides the
sound of the bells of all the churches in Rome,
which had been ringing for two hours, the sig-
nal being given by the trumpets in the portico
of the church, the Swiss Guard, and the Artille-
ry of the Castle of St. Angelo, fired a grand sa-
lute. The supreme Pontiff then entered first
alone, the Sacred Temple, followed by all the
Cardinals, two by two; the Patriarchs, Arch-
bishops Bishops, Prelates, and Penitentiaries,
all bearing lighted tapers, and by the Princess &
persons of distinction who were present, who kis-
sed the sacred gate as they entered it. His Holiness
having seated himself by the altar of the
Chapel of Piety, the Knights of St. Peter and St.
Paul were introduced, whom he charged to
guard the gates of the four Basilicas, and af-
terwards permitted them to kiss his foot. The
sacred ceremony concluded with the tripple
benediction which the supreme Pontiff bestow-
ed on the immense multitude who crowded
that vast church. A vast number of persons of
distinction and of every nation attended with
great devotion the holy ceremony. Among
them were the Dowager Queen of Sardinia,
and the two Princesses, her daughters; the
Duke of Lucca, with his consort and his sister;
the diplomatic body, and many princesses and
ladies, both Roman and Foreigners; so that,
from the solemn and dignified manner in which
the Pope opened the sacred gate, and the de-
vout behaviour of all present, the ceremony was
truly pious and august.

The Witty Countryman. A countryman very much
marked with the small pox, applied to a justice of the
peace for redress in an affair where one of his neigh-
bors had ill-treated him; but not explaining the busi-
ness so clearly as the justice expected, "Follow,"
said the justice in a pet, "I don't know whether you
were inoculated for the small pox or not; but I am
sure you have been for stupidity." "Why, and please
your honor," replied the man, perhaps I might be in-
oculated for stupidity, but there was no occasion to
perform that upon your worship, for you seem to have
had it in the natural way."

A tender wife.—Dr. Moussey, of Chelsea college,
was apt to quarrel with his wife. Returning from
Fulham, he was overtaken by a terrible storm—a re-
turn breeze came up, going to Chelsea. Any port
in a storm. The doctor crept in with the pall and
plumes for his companion. The house stopped at the
door; and his lady looked out; "Who have you
got there coachman?" "The doctor, ma'am." "Thank
heaven," says she, "he's safe at last." "Thank you,
my love," says the doctor (getting out of the hearse),
"for your kind anxiety for my safety."

PROBATE NOTICES.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

WE, the subscribers, having been appointed by
the Hon. Benjamin Chandler, Esq. Judge of
Probate for the County of Oxford, to receive and ex-
amine the claims of creditors to the estate of AN-
DREW BARROWS, late of Hartford, deceased,
represented insolvent, do hereby give notice that six
months are allowed to said creditors to bring in and
prove their claims, and that we shall attend that ser-
vice, at the school house near Joseph South's, in said
Hartford, on Saturday, the 17th day of September
next, at nine o'clock A. M.
MOSES SAMPSON, } Commis-
HOPESTILL BISBEE, } sioners.
March 7, 1825.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the
Hon. Benjamin Chandler, Judge of Probate, of
Wills, for the County of Oxford, to receive and ex-
amine the claims of creditors to the estate of ELIAS
STURTEVANT, late of Sumner, in said County,
Esquire, deceased, represented insolvent, do hereby
give notice, that six months are allowed, from the
twenty-second day of February last, to said creditors
to bring in and prove their claims, and that they will
attend that service at the dwelling house of Simon
Barrett, Jun'r. in Sumner, on the afternoons of the first
Monday in May next, the first Monday in June next,
and the first Monday in July next, at one of the clock
in the afternoon of each of those days.
SIMON BARRETT, Jr. } Commis-
EBENEZER BRIGGS, } sioners.
Sumner, March 7, 1825.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all
concerned, that he has been duly appointed and
taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last
Will and Testament of STEPHEN LANDERS,
late of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, yeoman, de-
ceased, by giving bond as the law directs—He there-
fore requests all persons who are indebted to the said
deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and
those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the
same to
BARNABAS MYRICK.
Hebron, Feb. 22, 1825. 37 3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

TAKEN by virtue of an Execution and will be sold
at Public Vendue, at the Store of Messrs. STREELE
& BEAN, in Brownfield, on Wednesday, the twenty-se-
cond day of April next, at one of the clock in the after-
noon, all the right, title, and interest which JON-
ATHAN STORER, of said Brownfield, has in equity
to redeem the following mortgaged Real Estate,
viz: the homestead FARM, on which the said Storer
now lives, situated in Brownfield aforesaid, together
with all the privileges and appurtenances thereun-
to belonging.
DANIEL TYLER, Jr. Deputy Sheriff.
Brownfield, March 10, 1825.

FOR SALE.

At No. 3, Maine Row, by the subscriber,
POTASH KETTLES,
of a superior quality from the New-Hampshire Iron
Factory Company, (at Franconia) which he offers for
sale at a fair price and on liberal credit.
ALPHEUS SHAW.
Portland, March 24, 1825.

METHODIST HYMN BOOKS.

JUST RECEIVED and for sale at the Oxford
Bookstore, HYMN BOOKS, used by the
Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

VARIETY OF BLANKS.

FOR SALE at the OXFORD BOOKSTORE, a
good assortment of Attorneys' and Jus-
tices' BLANKS; Collectors', Administrators', and
Sheriffs' DEEDS; BLANKS for town orders,
town clerks, &c.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to GLAZIER & Co. whose
term of credit has expired (except it is for the
Oxford Observer), are requested to make payment
without the least possible delay, as all notes and ac-
counts of that description must be collected.
ASA BARTON, Agent.

TAKE NOTICE.

THE subscriber requests all persons who are in-
debted to him, on account of the Carding Ma-
chine, lately owned by him, to make immediate pay-
ment. Unless all bills are settled by the fifteenth day
of April next, they will at that time be left with Levi
Whitman, Esq. for collection.
NATHANIEL BENNETT.
Norway, March 12th, 1825. 37 3w

DEAF AND DUMB.

STATE OF MAINE.

Secretary of State's Office,
Portland, 7 March, 1825.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that on Tues-
day, the fourteenth day of June next, the Gov-
ernor and Council will designate "such Deaf and
Dumb Persons as may appear to be the most proper
subjects for education," under the "Resolve for the as-
sistance of the Deaf and Dumb," passed February 23,
1825; and that all applications for the benefit of the
appropriation made by said Resolve, must be
made in writing to this office, previous to that time;—
setting forth the name, age, and residence of the
person for whom the application is made; the amount
of assistance such person can receive from his or her
parents or guardian, or from any other source, togeth-
er with evidence of such person's capacity to receive
instruction.
By order of the Governor and Council:
AMOS NICHOLS,
Secretary of State.

MACHINE CARDS.

HORACE SEEVER, No. 2, Mitchell's Building,
has just received a consignment of Machine
Cards, from the Manufactory of Horace Smith, Lis-
cester, which will be warranted to give satisfaction.
Orders for any quantity executed at short no-
tice.
Feb. 15, 1825.

PAPER.

HORACE SEEVER, No. 2, Mitchell's Building,
has on hand an extensive assortment of Royal
—fine and coarse Demi—Letter—Foolscap—No. 1
and 2, Pot—Sheathing—Kentish Cap—and Wrapp-
Paper.
Feb. 14, 1825.

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